

(Mr. Gehr, Austria)

Conference is due to be held in that year. Although we know that there are delegations which do not see a direct link between this 1995 conference and the negotiations on a CTBT, it is nevertheless recognized by all that substantial progress on a CTBT will not fail to facilitate a positive outcome of the NPT deliberations.

At the end of my statement, allow me to express the hopes of my delegation that in an historic perspective, the thirtieth anniversary of the PTBT will mark the beginning of an era free of all nuclear test explosions. Let us take this opportunity all together and start negotiations without delay.